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SUBJECT: PENDING 200,000 M.T. BUTTER SALE TO CHINA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: NEWSPAPER REPORTS IN THE FRG INDICATE ANOTHER LARGE SCALE BUTTER SALE TO EAST BLOC COUNTRIES IS PENDING. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, A BRITISH FIRM IS NEGOTIATING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA REGARDING THE SALE OF 200,000 M.T. OF EC SURPLUS BUTTER. END SUMMARY

2. FRG REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THESE PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS BUT STATED THAT SO FAR NO OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR AN EXPORT LICENSE AND EXPORT SUBSIDY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE FEDMINAG REPRESENTATIVE STRESSED THE MINISTRY'S STRONG APPPOSITION TO REPEAT THE RUSSIAN BUTTER DEAL WITH CHINA AND IS SUGGESTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO OFFER THIS BUTTER AT A REDUCED PRICE TO EC CONSUMERS. THE EC COMMISSION, HOWEVER, HAS ALREADY BUDGETED FUNDS FOR AN ADDITIONAL EXPORT OF 200,000 M.T. OF STORAGE BUTTER TO THIRD COUNTRIES -- THIS WOULD INCLUDE CHINA.

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3. EC BUTTER SURPLUS STOCKS AT THE END OF 1973 ARE ESTIMATED BY

TRADE SOURCES AT ABOUT 550,000 M.T. THIS LARGE SURPLUS MAY LEAVE THE EC NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO ACCEPT THE HIGH COST OF SUBSIDIZING ANOTHER 200,000 M.T. EXPORT TO EAST BLOC COUNTRIES.

4. PRESENT FRG INTERVENTION STOCKS AMOUNT TO 130,000 M.T. THIS EXCLUDES THE 40,000 M.T. ALREADY EN ROUTE OR EARMARKED FOR THE USSR.HILLENBRAND

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